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RFPI: Sat 0130, 0800, 1400, 2330, Sun 0530, 1130, Mon 0030, 0630, 1230, Wed 0100, 0700, 1300 on 7445 [nominal times, maybe not]

WWCR: Sat 1030, Sun 0230 on 5070, 0630 on 3210, Wed 0930 on 9475

WRMI: Sat & Sun 1800+ on 15725 from IBC Radio

WBCQ: Mon 0415 on 5105, 7415

WRN: Rest of World Sat 0800, Europe Sun 0430, North America Sun 1400

WRN ONDEMAND [from Fri]:

<http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24>

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(summary) <http://www.worldofradio.com/wor1202.html>

WORLD OF RADIO 1201 (low version):

(stream) <http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1202.ram>

(download) <http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1202.rm>

\*\* ANDAMAN ISLANDS. 7115, AIR Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, 0815-0930\*, Sep 26 and 29, time announcement, 5+1 pips, English news and report, website, 0900 report in Hindi on Pakistan and Iraq, 0930 time announcement, IS, ID, 24332 (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD) Rare catch! (DSWCI Ed)

\*\* ANTARCTICA. 15476, R. Nacional Arc. ngel San Gabriel, Oct 6, 2029-2050, 25332-35333. Spanish, Music and talk. ID at 2032 and 2045 by man (Kouji Hashimoto, Yamanashi, JAPAN, Japan Premium via DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. New Schedule for HCJB (A03 from 5 October 2003)

#### English Language Broadcasts

To the South Pacific (coverage Eastern Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific Islands)

Morning Release (1800 - 2000 UT):

11765 kHz from Kununurra (KNX) 50 kW, 120 degree azimuth

Evening Release (0730 - 1130 UT):

11750 kHz from Kununurra (KNX) 50 kW, 120 degree azimuth

To South Asia (coverage Indian Subcontinent, Indonesia)

Morning Release (0130 - 0330 UT):

15555 kHz from Kununurra (KNX) 75 kW, 307 degree azimuth

Evening Release (1230 - 1700 UT):

15390 kHz from Kununurra (KNX) 75 kW, 307 degree azimuth

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#### Urdu Language Broadcasts

To South Asia (coverage Indian Subcontinent)

Morning Release (0100 - 0130 UT):

15555 kHz from Kununurra (KNX) 75 kW, 307 degree azimuth

Evening Release (1700 - 1730 UT):

15405 kHz from Kununurra (KNX) 75 kW, 307 degree azimuth

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Dave Yetman, Broadcast Engineer, HCJB Australia

HCJB Australia - The Voice of the Great South Land

..... That all may hear ..

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(via Mark Nicholls, NZ, ripple via DXLD)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. LICENSE DATABASE: The complete listing of all radio broadcasting services in Australia is available from the website of

the Australian Communication Authority. This website may be found at  
<http://www.sma.gov.au>

This radio database is in real time and it is updated daily. It contains all relevant information about every radio broadcasting station in Australia in all modes, including the shortwave stations: Radio Australia, the ABC Northern Territory network HCJB Kununurra, Christian Voice in Darwin, and the new low powered stations in the tropical shortwave bands (EDXP Report, AWR Wavescan Oct 12 via DXLD)

\*\* BELGIUM [non]. RTBF (in French) is staying on the air later this week on 17570 KHz. The frequency normally signs off at 1715 UT. This week it's on until 1800 UT. RTBF's (excessively Java- and Flash-reliant) Web site mentions a special "Radio Kin" on October 6 through 10 from 1620 to 1800 UT, where RTBF1 ("La Premiere") broadcasts live from its studio at the Centre Wallnoe Bruxelles in Kinshasha for two hours each evening (Mike Cooper, Oct 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BELGIUM [non]. On Saturday, October 11, 2003, TDPRadio will start a weekly broadcast on shortwave from 2000 to 2100 UT on 7560 kHz featuring the best Belgian Dance Music. The broadcasts are directed towards Europe and more info is available at <http://www.tdpradio.com> (Ludo Maes, TDP Mailing List, Belgium, October 9, 2003 via DXLD) Apparently called SHORT WAVE DANCE -- also mpeg4 streams (gh)

\*\* BRAZIL. 17815, R Cultura, S, o Paulo SP, 0950, Oct 05, Portuguese announcements and talks. It was rated 25422 at 2229, Oct 03 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. CBC/Radio-Canada is saddened by the passing today of Mr. I. H. Asper. As the founder and Chairman of CanWest Global Communications, Mr. Asper made an outstanding contribution to broadcasting in Canada. As a politician, businessman and philanthropist Mr. Asper made an important contribution to Canadian society. CBC/Radio-Canada extends its condolences to Mr. Asper's family at this difficult time.  
<http://www.newswire.ca/releases/October2003/07/c9040.html>  
(via Jilly Dybka, DXLD) Full obit pending

\*\* CHINA. 630, China National Radio, loud signal totally dominating the channel with M & F in Chinese at 1420 UT Oct 9, 2003, then theme song at 1429 and M & F in Chinese again, followed by man "China National Radio" in English. I have never heard an English ID on a domestic Chinese station before. It was quite a shock! This signal was completely wiping out Edmonds, WA, Coquille, OR, etc. Unbelievable signal! I have never heard CNR on 630 in the past. 540 I have heard, one that was not audible this morning. I wonder a power boost on 630? New. Thanks to the Grayland Group for alerting me to this. New. Drake

R8, EWE Antenna (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, IRCA via DXLD)

\*\* CZECH REPUBLIC [non]. Re Ascension relay tests on 11665: Yo he olvidado indicar el horario de las emisiones... es 0000 a 0030 UT (Lenildo Carqueija Silva, Brasil, Oct 8, ConexiÛn Digital via WORLD OF RADIO 1202, DXLD)

Estimados Amigos: He recibido un mensaje de Jana Ondrakova, directamente desde Radio Praga, indicando con precisión las transmisiones de prueba que comenzaron el pasado día 6 de octubre a través de la estación repetidora ubicada en Ascension Island, el futuro plan previsto a través de la misma estación relay y también la formal solicitud de informes de recepción que serán premiados con objetos recordatorios. Agradeceré su difusión. Cordialmente: (Rubén Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Estimado amigo: Del 6 al 12 octubre, Radio Praga difunde una transmisión en pruebas a través del repetidor en la isla Ascension, en el Atlántico Sur. Dicha emisión se transmite desde las cero hasta las cero treinta horas UTC por la frecuencia de 11 mil 655 kilohertzios, en la banda de los 25 metros.

La emisión se destina ante todo a la parte oriental de Sudamérica. Le agradeceríamos, estimado oyente, que nos enviase lo más pronto posible sus informes sobre la calidad de recepción. Los autores de los informes serán premiados con un objeto recordatorio.

Radio Praga iniciará sus transmisiones regulares en español por la frecuencia de 11615 kilohertzios a partir del 26 de octubre, al iniciarse el período de invierno. Saludos (Jana Ondrakova, Radio Praga, via Margenet, DXLD) Note: two different frequencies; typo??

\*\* DENMARK. RADIO DENMARK 55 YEARS ON SHORTWAVE

On Oct 01, 1948, His Majesty, King Frederik IX, officially inaugurated the Shortwave transmitter station at Herstedvester west of Copenhagen from where R Denmark did broadcast its international service until Feb 12, 1990. Then the SW transmitter was closed, but the broadcasts in Danish continued from Kvitsøy and Sveio in Norway and are still well received around the world. The winter schedule for the period Oct 26 - Dec 31, 2003 is now available, but what happens from Jan 01, 2004 has not yet been decided. (Kjetil in "Stil ind", Sep 20, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

The DSWCI sends our congratulations with the 55 years on Shortwave and best wishes for the future! (DSWCI Ed)

According to the Danish Lord Chamberlain, Her Majesty the Queen of

Denmark, Margrethe II, today intends to give her consent to the marriage between His Royal Highness, Crown Prince Frederik of Denmark (35) and Miss Mary Elizabeth Donaldson (31) [a commoner!] from Tasmania, Australia, in the Council of State to be held at Amalienborg Palace, Copenhagen. The marriage will be held next spring and indicates a continuation of the oldest monarchy in the world which began with King Gorm the Elder in year 936 (1067 years ago)! For those interested in details, please look at the English language website of our Crown Prince: <http://www.kronprinsen.dk> Danish media are going to cover this event intensely during the coming months (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* DEUTSCHES REICH [non]. Czech Republic/USA: NEO-NAZI ORGANIZATION INTERNET SITES HAVE CZECH VERSION | Text of report in English by Czech news agency CTK on 7 Oct

PRAGUE, 7 Oct: - The web sites of the NSDAP [Die Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei] successor neo-Nazi organization contain a Czech version, which was created in the United States by US citizen Gerhard Lauk, the Czech Television (CT) public broadcaster reported today.

According to CT the Czech branch of the American NSDAP is the Association of National Socialists.

The web sites feature swastikas, Nazi flags, symbols and Nazi printed material can be ordered on them.

National Socialists are not officially registered in the Czech Republic, CT reminded. "This grouping is not unknown to the Interior Ministry or police. It is one of the entities which adroitly use the anonymity of the internet environment," Jiri Hajek from the Interior Ministry press department told CT.

"We cannot interfere in America where the server is operated. Unfortunately," Jiri Kopecny from the Prague police anti- extremist department said.

The national socialists are headed by a Czech permanently living in the United States. He calls himself Brutus Maximus, CT said. "He maintains contacts with Czech neo-Nazis via e-mail. He has several people here who are part of the distribution," Ondrej Cakl from Tolerance foundation told CT.

The governments of some states, including Denmark and Portugal, have in the past filed complaints against the internet sites run by Gerhard Lauk, CT said. Source: CTK news agency, Prague, in English 1908 gmt 7 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* ECUADOR. Mesmo com toda a dificuldade financeira, a direção da HCJB - A Voz dos Andes pretende prosseguir emitindo, em português, a partir de 0800, em 9745 kHz. A informação é da apresentadora do DX HCJB, Eunice Carvajal. Quem enviar um informe de receção para a HCJB - A Voz dos Andes no mês de outubro vai receber, além da confirmação QSL, um calendário de 2004. Aproveite e ouça o DX HCJB, nos sábado, às 0830, em 9745 kHz. Também nos domingos, às 0100, em 11920 e 12020 kHz, com reprise às 1730, em 15295 kHz. O programa tem participação especial do Engenheiro Sarmento Fernandes Campos, do Rio de Janeiro (RJ), coordenador do DX Clube do Brasil (Célia Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX Oct 6 via DXLD)

21455-USB, HCJB's 1 kW transmitter is operating on this schedule for the A-03 season: German 05-06, 0930 to 1030, Port 08-0930, Spanish 1030-1100, 1330-1500, 2000-0500, English 1100-1330 (Allen Graham, HCJB via Hans Johnson, Oct 6, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* ERITREA [non]. Re 3-177: I see hardly a chance for 12120 ever originating from Jlich. The transmissions in question certainly all emanate from Russia, and there Tbilisskaya, the transmitter plant also known as Krasnodar and Armavir, appears to be a more likely origin since many former Samara transmissions were moved to Tbilisskaya in the meantime (there were some vague mentions of main power concerns at Samara as reason).

Regarding the 15670 transmissions from Jlich: It appears to be the most likely scenario that the various programmes there are produced by completely independent organizations and aired on the same frequency just by chance. T-Systems itself does not "label" these broadcasts since such customers use to ask for confidentiality (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* FRANCE. FRENCH 'CNN RIVAL' TO START 2004

PARIS, Sept 30 (AFP) - A French 24-hour international news channel designed to rival the BBC and CNN should be on the air by late next year after state approval of a public-private consortium to run the broadcaster, an official tasked with drawing up the project said Tuesday. . .

[http://www.expatica.com/france.asp?pad=278,313,&item\\_id=34613](http://www.expatica.com/france.asp?pad=278,313,&item_id=34613)  
(via Jilly Dybka, KF4ZE0, DXLD)

Incredibly, this story never makes clear what language(s) this channel would speak. Surely to rival BBC and CNN, English would be necessary, but you know the French (gh, DXLD)

\*\* INDIA. The National Channel of All India Radio which is normally on

9425 kHz was heard tonight (October 8th) on the out of band frequency of 9277+. First heard at tune in on 9277.22 at 1925 with Indian Music, ID, News in Hindi at 1930. Signal Drifting up in Frequency. Up to 9277.54 at 1935 UT when it had a bulletin of English News. Signal continued to drift in frequency and was up to 9277.60 by 1945 when playing Hindi Music (Graham Powell, Editor - Online DX Logbook, The most up-to-date Tropical & Shortwave loggings on the Internet are available at:- <http://www.shortwave.org.uk> SWBC topica list via DXLD)

\*\* INDIA. Dear Friends, The Cricket Test matches between New Zealand and India has started. Its running commentary in English and Hindi will be relayed by most stations of All India Radio as follows:

8 to 12 Oct & 16 to 20 Oct, 2003 at 0345-1120 UT

The following stations are noted at 0345. 5040 (Jeypore), 6020 (Shimla), 6190 (Delhi), 7105 (Lucknow), 7160 (Chennai), 7180 (Bhopal), 7210 (Kolkata), 7290 (Thiruvananthapuram), 9425 (Bangalore), 9470 (Aligarh)

(Some other SW Regional stations will be also there, especially from N.E. India which are not audible at my location at this time. Note: 5040 will change to 6040 from around 0430 UT)

AIR External Service in Tibetan in the mornings has been suspended 4 days back. However the Chinese musical jamming on those frequencies faithfully continues! Noted even today at 0130-0200 UT on 9565, 11900, 13700 (They are not on dx\_india mailing list!)

The access to all Yahoogroups sites have been denied in India for several weeks now due to controversial messages against India on one Yahoogroups site (not our group of course). However we are able to send and receive messages as you can see. ===== 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS/AT0J, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Box 1555, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082, India, dx\_india Oct 7 via DXLD)

Overkill!! Censorship!!! World's largest democracy?? Oops, this may get DXLD banned (gh) See also ANDAMAN ISLANDS; SIKKIM

\*\* INDONESIA. 3785v, unID new private station relaying FM programme, 1200-1252\*, Sep 10, 11, 13, 14 & 15 in fast talked Bahasa Indonesia. ID like: ``Radio Suara de Bodol'', ``Pro Tiga (3)'', ``Studio Timor (East)'', Kendari mentioned. Phone-in programme with Dangdut and popular music. No relay of RRI Jakarta news. Signed off without ``Love Ambon''. Modulation was not too good, maybe a low power pirate? Much static noise (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 7 via WORLD OF RADIO 1202, DXLD)

4919.0, RRI Biak, fade in 0910-1200 and \*2000-2140, regular since Sep 05, ex 6153. Islamic music, Dangdut music and international popsongs like "Only you" with The Platters., 1030 IS and local news, 1100 relay RRI Jakarta news heard // 9680 and 11860. 2000 National anthem, ID, religious programme 'Oleh Jesus Christ', 2130 IS, ID, local news. Covered by China \*2140. Good modulation. 35543.

7114.8, RRI Fak Fak was irregular here in Sep around 0925, so AIR Port Blair was audible [see ANDAMAN ISLANDS] (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

## \*\* INTERNATIONAL. ESPERANTO AMATEUR RADIO

Tom Fuller, KE4QCM, in Georgia, sends along some amateur radio information for Nets To You! One link is for nets in the Esperanto language, which are listed below. The chart gives time in UT, then PST (PDT) and EST (EDT) which suggests that they shift one hour earlier in the summer, but as none of these nets are for North America that may not be the case (although one does have separate times for winter and summer listed). In any case, only the UT time is given below.

Esperanto: <http://ttt.esperanto.org/internacia/ILERAnet.html>

English: <http://ttt.esperanto.org/internacia/ILERAnets.html>

Normalaj Frekvencoj por Esperantaj Konversacioj  
[Likely Frequencies for Esperanto Conversations]

Voce [Voice]: 1866, 1766, 7066, 14266, 28766 KHz [I'm not sure if this is a misprint or the K is capitalized for Esperanto]

MK [CW]: 3640, 14166, 28266 KHz

ILERAnet [ILERAnet Net Schedules]

Area KHz +\/- qrm UTC

Europo [Europe] 14266 Su, Mo 1230  
So. Ameriko [S. America] 14266 Sa, Su 2030  
Francio [France] 7066 M-F 0700 (1) M-F 0800 (2)  
Pacifiko [Pacific] 21266 Sa 2200, 2230 2400

Signifas [Notes]: (1) Somere [Summer Net]; (2) Vintre [Winter Net]  
(via John Norfolk, DXLD)

## \*\* ISLE OF MAN. FURTHER DELAYS DEPRIVES ISLAND OF RADIO VOICE

Further delays in a legal row over plans for a long wave radio station have been blasted by the man behind the project.

Isle of Man International Broadcasting founder Paul Rusling said he is frustrated and the ongoing court battle is 'depriving the Island as a whole of a powerful radio voice'.

Bride resident Nick Cussons launched a petition of doleance against the Communications Commission and IMIB arguing the long wave licence should not have been issued.

Earlier this year he was given the go-ahead to proceed with his petition despite objections from IMIB and the commission.

It had been hoped the case would be heard before next month, but Mr Rusling said his company has been informed a request for an adjournment by Mr Cussons has been granted. A date for the hearing is yet to be set.

That means plans for the station - with offices in Ramsey and a transmitter in the sea off Ramsey - remain on hold.

Mr Rusling said: 'Eighteen months have been lost as a result of this petition costing not only our shareholders anxiety and delays, but also depriving the Island as a whole of a powerful radio voice which could be useful in boosting its exports and raising its profile.

'We are, however, very determined and this extra delay will not deter us from pressing on.

'We have now had thousands of messages of support and expressions of goodwill,' he added. 'The project has become much more than just a commercial project or yet another radio station, it has become a torch for many who believe in widening the choice of programme supplier and new, innovative broadcasting techniques.

'It also offers a unique opportunity for the Isle of Man. Everything else is ready to run and we are determined to launch the station at the earliest opportunity.' 08 October 2003

<http://www.iomonline.co.im/ViewArticle2.aspx?SectionID=870&ArticleID=671539>  
(via Mike Terry, Jilly Dybka, Oct 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1202, DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. D. P. R. The following domestic stations were noted at the end of Sept:

2624, Frontline Soldiers R, Channel 1 (presumed), was on the air at 1435 and onwards.

3025.5, Frontline Soldiers R, Channel 2 was off the air.

KCBS was heard on 2349.7 // 2850.1 // 3220 // 3350 // 3959.7 // 3970.5 // 5700.9 (harmonic) // 6100 // 9665.2 (harmonic ?) // 11679.2 (spurious ?).

PBS was heard on 3249.5 // 3320 // 6250. But 6398.9, PBS, Kanggye, was heard with its own programme! (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* LAOS. In September I was only able to hear the following two stations: 4660 R Nationale Lao, Luang Prabang, and 6130 R Nationale Lao, Vientiane. The Foreign service in English and other languages around 1330 earlier reported was no longer broadcast (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* LATVIA. Subject: Radio Seagull  
Date: Mon, 6 Oct 2003 21:39:20 -0300

Hi Jem, Thank you very much for your reception report. This is not an official response from Radio Seagull, more a personal invitation to listen again this Saturday. Our transmission commences at 1000 UT. What time does that make it for you locally?

This week it is my turn to have the privilege of playing weird and wonderful music from 1000-1400 UTC/GMT. Fortunately our remit is to NOT play all the hits all the time.

Thanks again for taking the time to contact us. Best wishes,  
Chris Bent, <http://www.radiogeronomo.co.uk>

Date: Tue, 7 Oct 2003 09:43:42 -0300

Hi Jem, No, there is no connection with the short wave Radio Geronimo that has been around for a while, although I have been in contact with them. I set up the 'museum' website purely as a tribute to the Radio Geronimo of 1970 which rented time from Radio Monte Carlo. Things kind of snowballed and there is now a webcast testing at <http://www.listen.to/radiogeronomo>

Incidentally Radio seagull is completely legal, having risen from the ashes of Radio Caroline (Netherlands). The change of name seems to have worked wonders...

I had been involved with Caroline since 2001 and used to drive to the Maidstone, England, studio every Saturday evening for a 7 hour overnight programme. Last year I moved to Canada [NS] to run a B&B (Fawltly Towers type hotel) <http://www.royalgazebo.com> So --- I record my programmes as 60 minute mp3 files at 192 kbps and upload to an FTP server in the Netherlands, where the main studio is located at

Harlingen. I'll be back in Europe from 22nd October for a few weeks and hope to do a live broadcast from Harlingen on Sunday 26th from 1100 UT.

The Radio Seagull 9290 broadcast emanates from Riga, Latvia on the Baltic Sea, with a power of 100 kW.

I'm pretty certain that our scheduled hours will continue to be 1000-1500 UT on Saturday, with each of us having our turn at a 4 hour programme. The final hour will generally be Stevie Gordon (his 3 hour programme then continues on the net only).

I am scheduled each week (net only) Sunday 1100-1700 UT, with a repeat the following Saturday from 2300 UT to 0500 UT Sunday.

I really don't know about the QSL situation. I fully understand the need for those important cultural activities! G'day mate and cheers, Chris (via Jem Cullen, ARDXC via DXLD)

Andrew Yates, Laser Radio Ltd., UK in a message mailed via laserradio yahoogroup: From: laser\_radio Date: Wed, 08 Oct 2003 11:10:32 -0000

This morning I received news from Riga concerning developments at the Latvian Radio Television Centre (LVRTC) and the Latvian Broadcasting Council.

Maris Pauders (LVRTC General Manager) has been sacked over the scandal regarding Digital Television.

Also the Broadcasting Council member Ojars Rubenis has just finished his term in position as Chairman. We are now therefore awaiting the Latvian Parliament to appoint a new Chairman.

Due to the scandal involving Maris Pauders and the lack of a new Chairman at the Broadcasting Council, the LVRTC management have suspended any further use of the shortwave transmitter until the yet to be appointed new council Chairman re-confirms our existing relay licence.

This morning legal paperwork was submitted in an attempt to allow us to continue broadcasting this Saturday, however unfortunately there is no guarantee we will be able to continue with our 9290 kHz relays. A case of two steps forward and one back. Perhaps we should re-name ourselves Radio Frustration ?! Andrew (via Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, Oct 8; and via Dave Kenny, BDXC-UK via WORLD OF RADIO 1202, DXLD) For posterity anyway, Kai Ludwig's recording is on WOR 1202

\*\* LIBERIA. EX-PRESIDENT TAYLOR'S "PROPAGANDA RADIO STATION" CLOSED

DOWN | Text of report in English by French news agency AFP

Monrovia, 8 October: Exiled former Liberian President Charles Taylor's propaganda radio station, Kiss FM, has been closed down, former employees told AFP Wednesday [8 October]. The owner of the premises housing the station had given the station's management an eviction notice because they owed him 80,000 dollars in back rent, they said.

"The station's equipment was over the weekend [4-5 October] taken to former President Taylor's White Flower residence in Congo Town which is currently being occupied by his sister," a former Kiss FM employee who asked to remain anonymous told AFP.

Kiss FM was run as part of Taylor's public relations outfit, the Liberia Communications Network (LCN), which in addition to the FM station in Monrovia also ran a shortwave radio station [Radio Liberia International] in Totota, about 90 km (56 miles) north of the capital, a newspaper and television station.

LCN employed more than 200 people, who were paid in US dollars. The minimum wage at Taylor's former media network was 60 dollars, against a minimum salary for public sector employees under Taylor of about 10 dollars.

Taylor owed LCN workers around five months' wages when he stood down and went into exile in August. Public sectors were owed nearly two years' back pay by the disgraced former leader of Liberia.

Taylor's departure paved the way for peace talks between rebels and a caretaker government, led by former Vice-President Moses Blah. A pact was signed on 18 August between the two sides, ending 14 years of almost continuous war in Liberia. Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in English 1517 gmt 8 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* MALTA [non]. UPDATE NEWS FROM VOM MALTA "Italian service"

Dear friends, this message inform you that, The Voice of The Mediterranean (VOM) in Malta has changed the frequencies for the Italian language service. From next 26 October 2003, till 27 March 2004 the frequencies are as follow :

.....  
6185 kHz - 1700 / 1730 Italian 1800-1830 (from Monday to Saturday)  
9630 kHz - 0800 / 0900 Italian 0900-1000 (Sunday)

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Address your reception report please to:

VOM - Italian service - P.O. Box 143 - Valletta (Malta)

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Alfredo Gallerati - (DX Editor) - Redazione "Onde Radio"

Voce del Mediterraneo -Malta -  
alfredogallerati @ virgilio.it

"Onde Radio" on line: <http://www.vomradio.com>

P. O. Box 21 -70051 Barletta (Bari) -Italia-

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(via Gallerati, Oct 9, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

\*\* MEXICO. Amigos de Condigar: He creado un nuevo portal dedicado a la radio mexicana (el que tenía en Tripod est. por desaparecer). M-s artículos, nuevos reportajes, notas y estadísticas sobre la radio en MÈxico. <http://www.radiomexicana.com>

Presente, pasado y nuevas tecnologías sobre la radio mexicana en un solo sitio: Si tienen oportunidad, visítenlo; y bienvenidas todas las críticas, sugerencias y opiniones para reforzar este proyecto. Al menos cada 15 días habrá novedades. Gabriel Sosa Plata (via Arnaldo Slaen, Oct 8, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

\*\* MONGOLIA [and non]. Thanks for a nice tip Noel, Bernd, Mauno and Dave. On 8 Oct at 1545 Mongolian Radio was heard with nice signal on 7260. Parallels were 4830 and 4895. 4830 pulled the plug at 1557, 4895 at 1600 as did 7260, althought badly interfered at that time by VOA starting in Hindi. 4895 had QRM from AIR Kurseong, but AIR Jammu was noted on 4830 only after 1600. As Mauno says, Mongolia seems to be on winter schedule now. Rechecking 7260 at 1730 there was a weak station with Arabic or Middle East music. 73 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Previously UNIDENTIFIED

That is correct: DST in Mongolia this year was in effect from 30 March to 28 September (Bernd Trutenuau, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. For the Sincerely Yours survey of what our favorite RN program is, my vote is for "Research File". I find it an excellent science-news summary and feature review. It supplements my reading of print science publications, and often has more timely coverage of science news items that I see in print later. It has improved over the years and now I would rate it as superior to most of the BBC science programs (which I also listen to).

One thing I would add: on the website, in addition to the text and pictures on the featured subject from an edition of Research File, please add a short summary of the other topics covered in that program, with the names of referred-to or interviewed persons spelled out and any scientific terms that are hard to understand over the air mentioned. A sentence or two would suffice; that shouldn't add much workload to the hosts' duties. That would allow easier search-engine lookup for more data on the subject and help avoid confusion about a

word or name we hear in passing that might be obscured by static or noise.

And a question about the future of Sincerely Yours. If the actual radio program goes away, will the text website remain, with listeners' letters posted and responses/answers given? I hope so! It would lessen the impact and sadness of losing the program (something I faithfully listen to now each week). Regards, (Will Martin, Saint Louis, Missouri USA, cc to DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. From the Radio Netherlands web site, I copy, paste and edit:

North America

An important announcement regarding this broadcast. Our new winter schedule gets underway on Sunday October the 26th. As from this date our 23.30 UTC broadcast starts 30 minutes later at midnight UT --- and is split into two separate one hour broadcasts rather than the present uninterrupted two. The frequency for our midnight Eastern North America broadcast will be 9845 kHz. At 0100 we switch the focus to Central North America on 6165 kHz. And at the weekends we've introduced a new two hour broadcast starting at 1900 on the frequencies of 15315, 17725 and 17875 kHz. As from this date our 0430 broadcast starts 30 minutes earlier at 0400 UT. The frequencies for our 0400 Western North America broadcast will be, as now, 6165 and 9590 kHz.

[equivalent announcements explain the timing changes for other targets, as already published; each target also is told:]

There are also important programming changes. The Research File will continue to air each Monday, but no longer have a repeat on Thursday. EuroQuest now broadcasts Tuesday, meaning A Good Life moves to Friday. Music 52-15 has ended its current run. Wednesday sees our Weekly Documentary, but there is no longer a repeat of Dutch Horizons. This programme now airs for the first time on a Thursday. Amsterdam Forum remains on Saturday and there's a new series called Vox Humana on Sunday. Sincerely Yours has ended its current run.

We have also expanded our satellite and internet services to air 24 hours a day. Here there are some extra ``catch-up'' programmes not heard elsewhere. Details shortly (Radio Netherlands web site via John Norfolk, DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. Dismantling history --- A significant piece of Dutch broadcasting history may soon cease to exist. The Department of Public Works has announced its decision to dismantle the artificial platform

in the North Sea known as REM Island. The island was constructed in 1964 at a cost of 9 million guilders by a team of broadcasting entrepreneurs, who used it to broadcast radio and television programmes to the Netherlands under the name Radio Noordzee and TV Noordzee. <http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/features/html/rem031009.html> (Andy Sennitt, Media Network newsletter via DXLD)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. I think KGYN 1210 Guymon is cheating tonight. They are putting a decent signal into Memphis with country music and the slogan "your agricultural station. I thought they had a directional west pattern (Adam Myrow, TN, Oct 8, NRC-AM via DXLD) At least they are on

\*\* PERU. 4886.62, Radio Virgen Del Carmen (presumed), 1000-1045 Oct 8. During the first half hour of listening, noted Spanish comments from a couple of men. At 1027 music presented for a few minutes until 1030 when canned ID heard. Didn't catch details since signal was getting blasted from QRN. After that a woman in Spanish comments. Signal was poor and early on, getting interfered with from a Brazilian station on 4885 (Bolland, Chuck, Clewiston, Florida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 11885/15120/15270, Radyo Pilipinas, Tinang, 0320-0330\*, Sep 21, in their English programme ``Listeners and friends`` was read: ``Today we have a nice letter and a reception report from DSWCI member Vashek Korinek in South Africa!``. I hope that Vashek now has received all the info, he asked for, and a QSL (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 9619.20, PBS, Marulas, Valenzuela, 0230-0940\*, Sep 17, now here, ex 9582.3. Tagalog programme ``DZRM Radio Magazin``, 0300 ID: ``PBS``. Very good modulation, 45544 (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

9619.08, Philippine Broadcasting Service (presumed). Oct 5 at 0904-0930. SINPO 35333. ID was heard at 0904 as "...Philippine ...Sports radio ...PSBS ...PSBS Tawi Tawi... Radio Ulanbayan... informasian..." Discussion by a man and a woman in vernacular (Nagatani, location unknown, Japan Premium via DXLD)

\*\* SENEGAL. SENEGALESE AUTHORITIES REVERSE DECISION TO EXPEL FRENCH RADIO JOURNALIST | Text of report in English by French news agency AFP

Dakar, 8 October: A French radio journalist has been released in Senegal after being arrested over her reporting in the south of the country, sources said late Tuesday [07 October].

Sophie Malibeaux, correspondent for Radio France Internationale (RFI), was arrested earlier in the day in Senegal's southern Casamance Province and bundled off to the capital Dakar as fellow journalists

looked on. She was herded on to a plane at Dakar airport, accompanied by a diplomat, before news came through that the government had decided to release her.

"The arrest has been annulled. The Senegal authorities have reversed their decision as we had requested," RFI's Africa Editor-in-Chief Alain Le Gouguec told AFP. "We consider the matter closed," he added.

Interior Ministry spokesman Malick Diop criticized Malibeaux's reporting on a range of issues, including the situation in Casamance, where rebels have been fighting for 21 years. The spokesman said the French reporter had engaged in "clear and grave interference in Senegal's interior affairs".

Malibeaux, who has been in the west African country for more than a year, was in Casamance to cover an annual meeting of the separatist Movement of Democratic Forces in Casamance (MFDC).

"I don't know what's happening. I don't know what I'm being accused of," she told AFP there before climbing into an all-terrain vehicle to the airport at Ziguinchor, the Casamance capital.

Since the MFDC launched its rebellion 21 years ago, hundreds of people have been killed and thousands have fled their homes. In recent years, many attacks have been acts of banditry rather than secessionist activity. Source: AFP news agency, Paris, in English 0033 gmt 10 Oct 03 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* SIKKIM. 3390, AIR Gangtok, Sikkim (tentative), fade in 1205 to 1245, Sep 29, talk and local music, was off 1220-1224, AIR Delhi news in English 1230 // 4800, 4860 and 4920, 1235 local programme, 1245 Hindi. It has problems with the transmitter and modulation and the power seems much less than the scheduled 50 kW, rather 5 kW (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* SLOVAKIA. Radio Slovakia International is currently holding a quiz contest for October 2003 in which a question is asked after a short feature is heard for each week. The top prize is a seven day trip to SLOVAKIA (RICHARD CHEN, Trinidad & Tobago, Oct 9, EDXP via DXLD)

\*\* SWEDEN. RADIO SWEDEN -- Coming up on Radio Sweden:

Thursday: "GreenScan" looks at protests against EU plans to ease restrictions on hazardous chemicals

Friday: Our weekly review, looking back on Nobel Week, including the Peace Prize

Saturday: "Sweden Today"

Sunday: In "Sounds Nordic" Fattaru and "Intoxicating Rooms"

PUBLIC BROADCASTING -- Following the recent announcement by the Ministry of Culture that funds to public broadcasting here are being reduced, both Swedish Radio (home of Radio Sweden) and Swedish Television have announced immediate cutbacks.

Swedish Radio is cutting its budget by 1.5 percent. A cut of at least that size faces the combined Radio Sweden/Immigrant Languages Department. However, since Immigrant Languages budget is laid down by legislation, it cannot be reduced, so the entire reduction (presumably of 3 percent or more) will come out of Radio Sweden.

Swedish Television's cutbacks include closing production units in five regional centers. Staff lay-offs are possible.

The Ministry of Culture says that public broadcasting should have known about the cutbacks in their funding. Public broadcasters say they are obliged to invest large funds in moving to digital broadcasting, and that while their government-approved budgets allocate only two percent annual increases in salaries, the actual increases are twice that (TT, Swedish news agency via George Wood, SCDX/MediaScan Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* SWEDEN [non]. RadioWOOD2000, my own Launchcast station of 60's and 70's San Francisco music at:  
<http://launch.yahoo.com/launchcast/station.asp?u=1302758923>

Long Strange Trip: From North Beach to Berkeley, the City to the surf, San Francisco's psychedelic Sixties and Seventies, compiled by a Vietnam War exile from a cottage on a Swedish island. See the cottage at RadioWOOD.com (George Wood, SCDX/MediaScan Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* TAIWAN. CBS NEW MW TRANSMISSION TESTING

[http://www.familyradio.com/temp/images/se\\_asia.gif](http://www.familyradio.com/temp/images/se_asia.gif) list WYFR Family Radio SEAs services on 1359 kHz during 1000-1600, 1800-2400 in English, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Indonesian. It's heard that President of WYFR had been Taiwan for such new installment. And Program Variety ONE on 1503 kHz is clearly heard in Taipei. 1400 sign off. SIO 344.

Above is my Oct. 4 posting in DXing.info forum. And I rang CBS engineering to confirm that these two frequencies are test transmission for months from now. Power is 250 kW or so and beaming to SEAs. QTH Fangliao, Pingtung in southern Taiwan (Miller Liu, Taipei, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TUNISIA. See UNIDENTIFIED [non]

\*\* TURKEY. Voice of Turkey Program Notes

12000 kHz, Voice of Turkey, Ankara, in English from 2157 UT with piano IS; frequency announcements, then news from 2200. SINPO 45554; // 9830 kHz, SINPO 44333.

As is often the case with the complex war on terrorism and war in Iraq, Turkey's perspective is interesting. A brief summary here of their news, Review of the Turkish Press, and Review of Foreign Media from their 2200 UT broadcast in English on October 8th.

News

All eyes are on the talks between Turkey and the US now that Turkey has agreed in principle to send troops into Iraq to help the US led coalition forces. The talks on finalizing terms and conditions of such deployment will "start in a short time." Turkish forces would be deployed in the region of Iraq north of Bagdad.

[It was unclear whether this would be strictly in the non-Kurdish areas or include Kurdish dominated sections of northern Iraq as well.]

Turkey has no "hidden agenda" on Iraq, rather its plans and intentions are open for all to see. Two delegations from the US House and US Senate are on their way to Ankara. The Senate Delegation led by Senator Mitch McConnel (R-Kentucky) is expected to meet with Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey on October 10th.

Despite some opposition from members of the Iraqi council, US administrator of Iraq, Paul Bemer, said that the final decision on deployment of Turkish forces in Iraq rests with the coalition, not the Iraqis.

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Review of the Turkish Press

The decision to send Turkish forces to Iraq was made by the Turkish Parliament, 358-183 with 2 abstaining. The forces will be sent for a one year tour of duty, the date to be set "later on." These troops will be going to Iraq as friends and brothers of the Iraqi people. US Secretary of State is happy with this decision and is thanking officials of the Turkish government.

The European Union has welcomed this development, saying it shows a complete support by Turkey to do whatever is possible to help stabilize Iraq.

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Review of Foreign Media

Review of an article in the International Herald Tribune on Turkey's efforts to join the European Union.

EU expansion: Now it's Turkey's turn -- EU expansion  
By Jonathan Power (IHT) Thursday, October 2, 2003,

The year 2015 as a target year is too long a time frame.

The full article at:

[http://www.iht.com/ihtsearch.php?id=112053&owner=\(IHT\)&date=20031003125343](http://www.iht.com/ihtsearch.php?id=112053&owner=(IHT)&date=20031003125343)  
(Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UKRAINE. Hello Kraig, Here is a complete schedule B03 of RUI.  
Radio Ukraine International B03 tentative schedule

Frequency	Time	UTC	Tx	Site	Azimuth	Target Area
5840	2200-0100			Kharkiv	290	W. Europe
5905	0000-0500			Mykolaiv	314	N. America
7420	0100-0500			Kharkiv	055	Russia (Tyumen)
7420	0500-0800			Kharkiv	290	W. Europe
7420	1400-1800			Kharkiv	055	Russia (Tyumen)
7510	1800-2200			Kharkiv	290	W. Europe
15520	0800-1400			Kharkiv	262	W. Europe

(\* in March the frequency can be changed presumably to 7375 or 9810)

Output of all SW txs is 100 kW except 5905 kHz where it is 1000 kW.

Transmission schedules in various languages are as follows:

GERMAN (one hour long): at 1800 & 2100 on 7510 kHz; 0000 on 5840 kHz.

ENGLISH (one hour long): at 2200 on 5840 kHz; 0100 & 0400 on 5905 kHz;  
1200 on 15520 kHz.

UKRAINIAN programmes are transmitted on all frequencies and at all times except for the time reserved for German and English programmes, as shown above.

ROMANIAN (half an hour long): at 1800, 2030, 2200 on 657 kHz MW Chernivtsi, 25 kW.

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Best regards, Alexander Yegorov (Kiev, Ukraine) egorov @ nrcu.gov.ua  
(via Kraig Krist, Oct 9, DXLD; also via George Poppin, DXLD)

\*\* U K [and non]. BBC WS B-03 Schedule

Albanian [to EU]

0630-0700	7210ra	9635cy	11845cy
1330-1415	s.....	9750cy	15115sk
1415-1445	9750cy	15115sk	
1800-1830	6050cy	7105ra	9685sk
2100-2115	.mtwtf.	7150ra	7205cy 9670om

Arabic [to ME/nAF]  
0000-0300 6105ra 7140sk  
0000-0445 9915sk  
0300-0600 11740cy 15180om(0330-)  
0300-1200 7140cy 13660cy  
0400-0730 6110sk(-0600) 7325ra  
0445-0730 9915ra(-0600) 9915sk  
0600-0800 11740cy 15180om(0330-)  
0730-1100 15180ra 17610sk  
0800-1800 11820cy  
0900-1630 15555cy 21455au(-1130)  
1100-1630 15180ra 17585sk  
1200-1800 13660sk  
1200-2400 7140cy  
1630-1800 11680ra 15180cy  
1630-2000 6030om  
1700-2100 9915cy  
1800-2115 6110ra 11680sk  
2000-2200 6030om  
2100-2400 5875ra 6110cy(2115-) 9915cy

Azeri [to cAS]  
1800-1830 5875cy 7195cy 9750la

BBC English [to Africa] [language learning programmes]  
0705-0720 6005as  
1730-1745 3390me 7230me 9685me  
1915-1930 15105as 17885as

BBC English [to Albania]  
1830-1845 .m.w... 6050cy 7105ra 9685sk

BBC English [to eAS]  
1030-1100 9605ya 11945na 15285sn 21660na

BBC English [to sAS]  
1445-1500 .mtwtfs 6140om 7205na 15245om

BBC English [to AF (French)]  
1230-1245 15425wo 17780as 21640as

BBC English [to AF (Hausa)]  
1330-1345 15105as 21640as

BBC English [to AS]  
0030-0100 9580sn 17615na  
0530-0545 6010sk 9865ra

1130-1145 7135si 11750na  
1530-1545 11685si 15540si

BBC English [to Romania]  
0630-0645s.....s 9875cy

BBC English [to AF (Somali)]  
1400-1415 .mtw... 11860se 15420se 21490cy

BBC English [to AF (Swahili)]  
0245-0300 9610se

BBC English [to Ukraine]  
1730-1800 5875cy 7105la 9530sk

Bengali [to sAS]  
0030-0100 6065om 9790na 11850sn  
1330-1400 7225na 7430ta 11835sn  
1630-1700 5990na 7205sn 9605na

Brazilian [to SAM]  
2130-2200 9870as 11965an 15390as  
2230-2300 9870as 11965an 15390as

Burmese [to seAS]  
0000-0030 6065na 9580sn 11850sn  
1345-1430 7135sn 9540sn 11685sn 15295cy

Croatian [to seEU]  
0600-0610 .mtwtf. 7210ra 9865cy  
1200-1210 .mtwtf. 11895cy 15325ra  
1500-1515 .mtwtf. 7110bi 11975cy

English [to eAF]  
0300-0400 6005as 9750cy 12035se  
0300-0500 3255me 6190me  
0329-0600 12035cy(0400-0500) 15420se  
0500-0529 17885se  
0500-0700 17640cy  
0500-1700 6190me 11940me  
0529-0559 .mtwtf. 17885se  
0600-0800 s.....s 17885se  
0800-1100 17885se  
0800-1300 21470se  
1100-1200 17885cy(-1200 17885se(1200-)  
1300-1400 15420se 21470as  
1400-1700 21470as 21660cy  
1500-1530 11860se 15420se 21490me

1615-1700 s.....s 11860se 15420se(-1630) 21490me  
1630-1700 15420se  
1700-1746 6005se 9630se  
1700-1900 15420me 21470as  
1700-2200 3255me 6190me  
1830-2100 6005se 9630se 12095as(1900-)  
2100-2200 6005se

English [to wAF]  
0300-0700 7160as 11765me  
0400-0705 6005as 15400as(0629-)  
0700-1000 11765as(-0800) 15400as 17830(0800-)  
1000-1100 s.....s 15400as 17830as  
1100-2100 15400as(-1130) 17830as  
1500-2300 9605se(2100-) 15400as

English [to Americas]  
0000-0300 6010sa(-0100) 9825sk 12095as  
0000-0400 5975an 9525ok(0100-)  
0400-0500 5975an 6010sa  
0400-0600 6135de  
0900-1000 6195an(1000-) 15190as(-1000)  
1000-1130 s.....s 15190as  
1100-1130 s.....s 6195an 15190an  
1100-1130 17790as  
1130-1200 .mtwtf. 15190an  
1130-1200 6195an  
1130-1700 s.....s 6195an(1200-1230) 15190an  
1230-1400 6195an  
1230-1700 .mtwtf. 15190an  
2100-2130 s.....s 5975an  
2100-2400 5975an(2130-) 12095as

English [to seAS]  
0000-0030 3915sn 11945ya 17615na  
0000-0300 9740sn(-0100) 6195sn(-0200) 15280na 15360sn  
0000-0530 15280  
0300-0500 15280na 15360na 17760na 21660na  
0500-0800 15280(-0530) 21660sn  
0500-0900 11955na 15360sn  
0500-1000 17760sn  
0800-1030 21660na  
0900-1600 smtwtf. 6195sn(-1100) 9605ya(-1030) 9740sn  
1000-1400 17760na  
1000-1600 .....s 6195na(-1100) 6195sn(-1100) 9740sn  
1100-1700 6195sn 7160na(1400-1600)  
1600-1800 3915sn 7160sn  
2100-2200 5965na 3915sn 6110ya 6195na

2200-2300 5965na 6195sn 7105om 9740sn 11955sn  
2300-2400 3915sn 6035sn(2330-) 6195sn 9740sn 11945ya 11955na  
15280na

English [to sAS]

0000-0100 smtwtf. 5970om 11955na 15310na  
0000-0300 9410cy(-0200) 17790sn  
0100-0300 11955om 15310na  
0300-0700 15310om(-0600) 17790na  
0600-1800 15310na 17790om(0700-1600)  
1500-1600 5975sn  
1600-1830 5975na 9510sn(-1800) 9510na(1800-) 17790ra(-1700)

English [to Carib.]

1100-1130 .mtwtf. 6195an 15190an  
1200-1230 .mtwtf. 6195an 15190an  
2100-2130 .mtwtf. 5975an  
2115-2130 .mtwtf. 11675an 15390gr

English [to EU]

0300-0800 6195ra  
0400-0600 6195sk 9410cy 9410ra  
0500-0900 9410ra 12095cy(-0700)  
0700-1700 9410wo(1500-) 12095wo 15485sk  
1700-2300 6195ra 6195sk(-2000) 6195cy(2000-) 9410cy(-2200)  
2300-2400 6195ra

English [to Falklands]

2130-2145 ..t..f. 11680ra

English [to ME]

0300-0400 9410cy 9410sk  
0300-0500 11760cy 15575cy  
0333-0400 s..... 5875ra 5875wo 6065sk 7130ra 7265cy 9670ra  
0405-0430 s..... 5875ra 5875wo 6065sk 7130ra 7265cy 9670ra  
0433-0500 s....s 5875ra 5875wo 6065sk 7130ra 9670ra  
0500-0730 11760om(-0600) 15565cy(-0700) 15575cy  
0505-0530 s....s 7295ra 9670ra 11845wo  
0700-1800 11760om(-1400) 15565ra  
0730-0900 s....s 15575cy  
0700-1500 15575cy(0900-) 17640sk 17640wo(0800-)  
1700-2000 12095wo(-1900) 15310na(1800-)

English (News) (to EU/AS]

0000-0100 .....s 5970om 11955na 15310na  
0200-0300 6195sk 9410cy 9750se  
0900-1000 .....s 6195na 6195sn 9740sn  
0900-1030 .....s 9605ya

2005-2030 s..... 5875cy 5990ra 7325cy 9635cy 9825wo

French [to AF]

0430-0500 6155as 7105as 17885se  
0600-0629 7105as 9610as 9710ra 15425cy  
0700-0729 15105as 17695me  
1200-1230 15425wo 17780as 21640as  
1800-1830 7230me 9815wo 15105as 17885as 21630as

Hausa [to wAF]

0529-0600 6135as 7105as 9610as  
1345-1415 15105as 17810as 21640as  
1930-2000 11855as 15105as 17885as

Hindi [to sAS]

0100-0130 6065om 7320cy 7375ta 11750om 15510na  
0230-0300 11725om 15405na 15510ir 17615na  
1400-1445 6140om 7205om 7430ta 11920sn 15245om  
1445-1500 s..... 6140om 7205na 15245om  
1700-1730 6065na 7205sn 7235om 9605na

Indonesian [to seAS]

1100-1130 7135sn 9510sn 11920na  
1300-1345 6030om 6035na 7135sn 9540sn 11945sn  
2200-2300 3915sn 6080sn 9510sn 11995na

Mandarin [to China]

1100-1300 11945na 21660na  
1100-1530 7330vl 9605ya 15285sn  
1300-1530 6065km 7105na  
2200-2300 7160na 9580na 11945ya  
2200-2330 6035km 6110na 7150om

Nepali [to sAS]

1500-1530 7430ta 11685sn 15540sn

Pashto [to w/swAS]

0100-0200 7165cy 9875cy  
0100-0230 17615na  
0200-0300 5875cy 7320sk 9735cy  
0700-0730 .....f. 15420om 17870cy  
0700-0900 .....f. 12035dh  
0730-0800 smtw.fs 15420om 17870cy  
0800-0900 .....f. 15420om 17870cy  
1100-1200 15420om 17870cy  
1500-1600 6195sk 13755na 15575cy

Persian [to ME]

0200-0300 7165cy 9875cy 11750om  
0300-0400 7165cy 9875ra 11750cy  
0700-0800 ....t.. 12035dh 15420om 17870cy  
0845-0900 ....t.. 12035dh 15420om 17870cy  
0900-1000 ....tf. 15420om 17870cy  
1000-1100 15420om 17870cy 21515sk  
1100-1300 ....f. 12035dh 21515sk  
1400-1500 6195sk 13755na 17870cy  
1600-1700 6195sk 9915cy  
1600-2000 6090om 13755na 15540sn

Persian/Pashto [to ME]

0400-0445 11750cy 13650cy  
0800-0845 smtwt.s 12035dh 15420om 17870cy  
1200-1300 15420om 17870cy

Portuguese [to s+wAF]

0430-0500 3390me 6135me 7205me  
2030-2100 3390me 6135me 7205me 11695sk 11855as 13700ra

Romanian [to seEU]

0600-0630 9875cy (mo-fr: -0615)  
1200-1230 11680cy  
1600-1630 6050cy  
1900-1930 6050ra

Russian [to Russia]

0300-0330 5875ra 7265cy 9670om  
0330-0333 s..... 5875ra 5875wo 6065sk 7130ra  
0330-0333 7265cy 9670ra  
0330-0430 .mtwtfs 6065sk 7130ra  
0330-0433 .mtwtfs 5875ra 5875wo  
0333-0400 .mtwtfs 7265cy 9670ra  
0400-0533 .mtwtf. 9670ra  
0400-0405 s..... 5875ra 5875wo 6065sk 7130ra  
0400-0405 7265cy  
0400-0405 s..... 9670ra  
0405-0430 .mtwtfs 7265cy 9670ra(sat)  
0430-0433 5875ra(sun) 5875wo(sun) 6065sk 7130ra 9670ra(sa-su)  
0433-0500 .mtwtf. 5875ra 5875wo 6065sk 7130ra  
0500-0505 7295ra 9670ra(sa-su) 11845wo  
0500-0600 .mtwtf. 6020wo 9670ra(0533-)  
0505-0600 .mtwtf. 7295ra 11845wo  
1630-1700 s..... 7435mo(sun) 7385mo(sat)  
1730-1900 11670ra 13640ra  
1730-2005 7325cy 9635cy 9825wo  
1800-1900 11925ra  
1900-2005 5875cy 5990ra

2005-2100 .mtwtf 5875cy 5990ra 7325cy 9635cy 9825wo

Serbian [to seEU]

0500-0515 6130ra 7210wo 9510cy  
0545-0600 6010sk 7210cy 9865cy  
1130-1145 11680bi 13650ra 15325ra  
1500-1515 .mtwtf. 5875cy 12025ra 15115sk  
1700-1730 6050cy 9635ra 11925ra  
2100-2115 6015cy 7255ra 9810cy

Sinhala [to sAS]

1515-1545 6140om 9680sn

Somali [to eAF]

1100-1130 17850se 21590cy  
1400-1415 ....tf. 11860se 15420se 21490cy  
1415-1500 11860se 15420se 21490cy  
1800-1830 6005se 9630se 15450wo

Spanish [to C+SAM]

0000-0115 5875ra 5875sk 6110an 6110as 9855as 11765as  
0115-0130 ..twtfs 5875ra 5875sk 6110an 6110as 9855as 11765as  
0300-0345 5995de 6110an 7325ra 7325sk 9515de  
0345-0400 ..twtfs 5995de 6110an 7325ra 7325sk 9515de  
1100-1130 .mtwtf. 6110gr 6130de 9670an 15220as  
1300-1330 .mtwtf. 6130de 9670de 15325gr

Swahili [to eAF]

0300-0329 7235ra 9610se 11865me  
0400-0430 7185as 11730se 15400me  
1530-1615 11860se 15420se 21490me  
1615-1630 .mtwtf. 11860se 15420se 21490me  
1746-1800 6005se 7230me 9630me

Tamil [to sAS]

1545-1615 6140om 7205na 9680sn

Thai [to seAS]

1235-1300 7135sn 9540sn 15265cy  
2330-2400 6060om 7185cy 9580sn

Turkish [seEU]

0500-0530 .mtwtf. 6010sk 9865ra  
0900-1000 s..... 9410cy 11780cy  
1600-1700 5875ra 9530la 12010sk  
2030-2100 .mtwtf. 7115ra 9670om

Ukrainian [to Ukr.]

0500-0600 .mtwtf. 5875ra 7260wo 9895cy  
1500-1530 11865ra 13640sk 15470wo  
1700-1730 5875cy 7105la 9530sk

Urdu [to sAS]  
0130-0200 6065om 7320cy 11750om 15510na  
1500-1600 6035om 7205na(-1545) 9510sn 11920cy  
1730-1800 6065na 7205sn 7235om 9605na

Uzbek [to cAS]  
1600-1630 7325cy 7435mo 9635om  
1630-1700 .mtwtf. 7325cy 7435mo 9635om

Vietnamese [to seAS]  
1430-1500 6135sn 7135sn 11685sn  
2300-2400 6080sn 7105na 11865sn

DRM Test Progs [to EU]  
1000-1500 7320ra  
1100-1300 9410ra

Transmitters:

an = Antigua  
as = Ascension  
au = Austria  
bi = Biblis  
cy = Cyprus  
de = Delano  
dh = Dhabbaya  
gr = Greenville  
ir = Irkutsk  
la = Lampertheim  
km = Kimjae  
me = Meyerton  
mo = Moscow  
na = Nakham Sawan  
ok = Okeechobee  
om = A'Seela, Oman  
ra = Rampisham  
sa = Sackville  
se = Seychelles  
sk = Skelton  
sn = Singapore  
ta = Tashkent  
vl = Vladivostok  
wo = Wooferton  
ya = Yamata

[via Wolfgang Bueschel, Re-arranged from spreadsheet by Alan Roe, DX LISTENING DIGEST]

\*\* U K. LBC TOASTS THIRTY YEARS OF INDEPENDENT LOCAL RADIO

Despite its birth in the turbulent seventies, John Martland believes LBC radio has made steady headway by combining canny signings with careful rebranding.

In September 1967, after the government's Marine etc, Broadcasting (Offences) Act had finally sunk North Sea pirate broadcasters such as Radio Caroline and Radio London, the BBC launched its national stations Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4. Later that same year Britain's first local radio station, BBC Radio Leicester, opened for business but it was to be six more years before the first local commercial - or independent - station, London Broadcasting Company (LBC), broke the 50-year BBC monopoly and went to air.

Born on October 8, 1973, into a climate of industrial and social unrest, LBC has certainly had more than its fair share of turmoil over the years... <http://www.thestage.co.uk/paper/0341/0302.shtml>

(Published October 9, 2003 © The Stage Newspaper Ltd via Mike Terry, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. WWRB Update: 1. GLOBAL-4 Is fully operational. We are using it on various frequencies and times, mostly on 12.172 MHz. [someone reported it shifting to 12170 at times; also note the recent report of 6890 and new 6980 around 0500 --- gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1202]

2. Today we received our frequency assignment (108.00) from the FAA to build a experimental H - VOR facility. We plan to apply for various aviation development grants to develop various types of antennas to be used for VOR navigation. The alford loop antenna has been the main stay antenna used in VOR stations for years, the alford loop antenna has many drawbacks causing serious problems such as course scalloping, course drifting, installation problems, We will be experimenting with and developing various types of antennas and hardware to improve VOR performance.

3. Our aircraft Communications / Navigation group is developing very quickly! It is actually more lucrative and financially stable than the broadcasting business. Using our extensive 60 acre antenna system we provide SOLID coverage for our clients (Dave Frantz, WWRB, Manchester TN, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 17650, WHRA, Greenbush ME: 1638-1700+, 9-Oct; Religious programs; "The Oasis" to 1644 and "Listen to Jesus" at 1645. "World Harvest Radio...WHRA..." ID at 1658:35 with address for QSLs. All in

English. S10=3+43, echo to various extent most of the time; echo would occasionally abruptly stop, then creep back in (Harold Fodge, MI, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

If the delay is correct, probably arriving by both short and long paths. In the past I have also heard WHRA 17650 with long-path echo, but you're closer and thus farther, some 39 megameters. There can be hardly any greater terrestrial DX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. CYBERLINE --- Hi Glenn, Saw you mentioning us in your digest. Personally, it was a shock to me to see that Spectrum disappeared. I thought they (or was it you) mentioned on air they were moving into new studios (NY?). I listened to them before Cyber Line came on WWCR (Then at 11 pm CT) when I was off the show doing things or out sick. They were a good show and sorely missed. We are starting our new format at the end of the month. Along with technology, we will be focusing on "Electronics 101". We want to get the kids and adults involved into component level items. Eventually we will be getting into Ham, scanners and related items as we go on. Cheers, (Mick Williams Host/Executive Producer, Mick Williams' Cyber Line, USA Radio Network <http://www.cyber-line.com> Oct 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. WRDW 1630, WTEL 1480 --- No, that's not a typo; they've swapped those calls in Augusta GA as of 10/3, according to my latest update from M Street. Update your logs accordingly... s (Scott Fybush, NY, Oct 7, NRC-AM via DXLD) DXing WRLL-1690 at sunset: see PROPAGATION

\*\* U S A. STUDY HITS WAR VIEWS HELD BY FOX FANS

By David Folkenflik, Sun Staff, Originally published Oct 4, 2003  
<http://www.sunspot.net/features/bal-to.fox04oct04,0,5444015.story?coll=bal-features-headlines>

Heavy viewers of the Fox News Channel are nearly four times as likely to hold demonstrably untrue positions about the war in Iraq as media consumers who rely on National Public Radio or the Public Broadcasting System, according to a study released this week by a research center affiliated with the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs.

"When evidence surfaces that a significant portion of the public has just got a hole in the picture ... this is a potential problem in the way democracy functions," says Clay Ramsay, research director for the Washington-based Program on International Policy Attitudes, which studies foreign-policy issues.

Fox News officials did not return repeated requests yesterday for comment on the study.

Funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and the Ford Foundation, the study was conducted from June through September. It surveyed 3,334 Americans who receive their news from a single media source. Each was questioned about whether he held any of the following three beliefs, characterized by the center as "egregious misperceptions":

Saddam Hussein has been directly linked with the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Weapons of mass destruction have already been found in Iraq.

World opinion favored the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

To date, as measured by government reports and accepted public surveys, each of those propositions is false, according to the center. The Bush administration has argued that evidence will be found of the weapons in Iraq as will direct links between Saddam and the al-Qaida members who planned the 9/11 attacks. But President Bush has been forced to acknowledge that no such proof has surfaced.

Sixty percent of all respondents believed in at least one of the statements. But there were clear differences in perceptions among devotees of the various media outlets.

Twenty-three percent of those who get their news from NPR or PBS believed in at least one of the mistaken claims. In contrast, 80 percent of Fox News viewers held at least one of the three incorrect beliefs.

Among broadcast network viewers there also were differences. Seventy-one percent of those who relied on CBS for news held a false impression, as did 61 percent of ABC's audience and 55 percent of NBC viewers. Fifty-five percent of CNN viewers and 47 percent of Americans who rely on the print media as their primary source of information also held at least one misperception.

The three evening network news shows command the largest audiences, together typically reaching between 25 million and 30 million viewers nightly. But Fox News, the top-rated cable-news outlet, has steadily increased its viewership by offering a blend of hard news and opinionated talk that often takes on a patriotic sheen. Its top show draws more than 2 million viewers nightly.

"Among those who primarily watch Fox, those who pay more attention are more likely to have misperceptions," the report concludes. "Only those who mostly get their news from print media have fewer misperceptions as they pay more attention."

The PIPA study suggests a strong link between people's understanding of the news and its source. That link held true throughout different demographic segments, such as those based on education level, viewing habits, and partisan leanings, Ramsay said.

"It proves that what we're doing is great journalism," says NPR spokeswoman Laura Gross. "We're telling the truth and we let our audience decide." More information on the study can be found at <http://www.pipa.org> Copyright © 2003, The Baltimore Sun (via Current via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. SOMETHING TO BALANCE FOX? -- Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore is close to buying a cable TV channel, putting him in a position to launch a liberal news outlet to counteract the increased popularity of conservative stations like the Fox News Channel, a source familiar with the matter said on October 1. Gore and a group of investors are in talks to buy Newsworld International, a cable news channel owned by Vivendi Universal, for \$70 million, the source said.

If Gore succeeds, Newsworld International could compete with Fox News Channel, which has unseated CNN as the most widely watched news channel in the United States with a formula of brash talk show formats mixed with hard news. Reports surfaced earlier this year that Gore was seeking financial backers for a liberal cable channel to help Democrats counter conservative media voices. Gore lost to Republican George W. Bush in the fiercely contested 2000 election. Fox News head Roger Ailes was once a media advisor to Republicans and the channel's coverage has been criticized by some as having a conservative bias. Newsworld International is available in fewer than 20 million U.S. homes and currently runs international newscasts (Reuters via SCDX/MediaScan Oct 8 via DXLD)

#### \*\* U S A. LIBERAL TALK SHOW CATCHES WAIN'S EAR

Doing things first brought Norman Wain a lot of success in a broadcasting career that started in 1949.

He broke records as a disc jockey and was host of an early TV dance show in Cleveland in the 1950s. He put "easy listening" adult music on FM with WDOK in the '60s and toppled the era's Top 40 giants by turning a little AM station into WIXY. He was first to syndicate Howard Stern beyond CBS stations when he owned WNCX in the '80s, and he started a kids network before Radio Disney bought up stations to corner the market.

Since selling his stations and retiring in 1994, he's taught at Case Western Reserve University and used his time for various philanthropic activities.

Now he's back in the game and going against the grain again, by bringing a liberal talk show to national radio syndication. Not interested in tilting at windmills, he thinks he's leading the pack.

"I've been in this business all my life, and I've been in the right place at the right time before," he said over the weekend. "I think the country is ready for a progressive voice. I'm not trying to build a network, I'm trying to build one syndicated program. I've never felt something in my bones like I feel America is ready."

Specifically, he thinks America is ready for Randi Rhodes, a smoky-voiced Air Force veteran who's been a top-rated talk host in South Florida for more than 10 years.

"Her concept is to have an entertaining show first," Wain said. "She's funny, exciting, stimulating and constantly in your face. She knows her stuff. The only reason I'm doing this is I'm totally impressed with Randi Rhodes, and I think she's ready to break out."

Breaking through will be the challenge. Talk radio has been dominated for years by conservative to far-right hosts, starting with Rush Limbaugh, whose 15-year-old program is carried on more than 600 stations. A couple of venture capitalists in Chicago announced plans for a "liberal radio network" to fill the hole earlier this year, but nothing has happened, and the industry greeted the idea with skepticism.

One view holds that liberals can't do the sort of black-and-white, fire-and-brimstone program that makes "good radio," or that they're too serious to draw listeners. Another notes that more Republicans than Democrats listen to talk radio. Liberals, a saying goes, listen for information; conservatives listen for affirmation and ammunition.

The growing concentration of media ownership presents another hurdle. Anyone trying to find a place for a program, much less a network, runs up against a lack of available stations.

Wain isn't interested in a network, especially when he hears talk of hosts who aren't "radio people," schooled in its discipline. He likes Rhodes for her wit, experience and track record. She used to beat Limbaugh in direct competition in his home county and now outrates him on the same station. She gets calls from around the country from people who listen on the Internet at [TheRandiRhodesShow.com](http://TheRandiRhodesShow.com).

Wain heard her while driving around West Palm Beach and called the station's general manager, who - of course - was an old friend. Clear Channel, the station owner, wasn't interested in syndicating her. So

Wain got approval to do it with Clevelander Daniel "Danno" Wolkoff, a former executive with Clear Channel's Premiere Radio Networks who started his own company this year. They're starting the sales push this week.

One story says that Limbaugh told Clear Channel he'd leave if it syndicated Rhodes, whose politics don't match those of the company's owners. But she compares herself to a character outside the family in "The Godfather."

"I'm the Hyman Roth of Clear Channel. I make money for my partners," she said. Ratings and revenue mean more than politics in the business of radio, and she doesn't care about being politically compatible with shows around hers. "I'd rather be a stand-alone surrounded by radio people."

As for tilting at political windmills, what goes around comes around.

"Physics being what it is," she said, "the pendulum has to swing the other way or all momentum is lost." (c) 2003 The Plain Dealer.

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\*\* U S A. LOCAL NEWS IS OF HUGE IMPORTANCE TO SMALL MONTANA TV STATION  
BY ROBERT K. ELDER, Chicago Tribune

WIBAUX, Mont. - (KRT) - On his head sits a straw Stetson cowboy hat. On his shoulder rests a battered, black Panasonic video camera. Around his waist coils a brown leather belt, clasped together with an oversize leather buckle bearing the initials "E.A."

As Ed Agre videotapes this small Montana town's annual parade, candy skids along the ground - thrown from a bank-sponsored float. Behind, farming tractors follow the local football team roaring from a flatbed truck.

Though he looks like a proud grandfather trying to catch his grandchildren on tape, Agre, 66, is covering the news. He is the sole news director, reporter and desk anchor for KXGN-Ch. 5 in Glendive, Mont., the smallest television news market in the nation. He's also the morning anchor, 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., for sister radio station KXGN-AM 1400. . .

<http://www.aberdeennews.com/mld/aberdeennews/news/nation/6924164.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>  
(Aberdeen News via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. EMERGING ALTERNATIVES --- Low Power, High Intensity  
Building Communities on the FM Dial --- BY LAURIE KELLIHER

They bought their equipment on e-Bay. Their antenna is attached to a water pipe on the roof. They have only two staff members, but more than fifty people volunteer in the studio on their time off from jobs as factory workers, busboys, and grocery clerks. Few at the station speak English. Some are illiterate. No one has any previous experience in radio. It's WSBL-LP in South Bend, Indiana, low-power FM...

<http://www.cjr.org/issues/2003/5/radio-kelliher.asp>  
(Columbia Journalism Review via Bill Westenhaver, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. FCC TO HOLD HEARINGS TO GET CITIZEN INPUT ON BROADCASTERS  
By DAVID RANII, Raleigh News & Observer, October 07, 2003

- National media watchdog groups, flush with their success in stalling consolidation-friendly media ownership rules, are contemplating trying to block some TV and radio stations across the country from renewing their broadcast licenses.

And a new initiative by Federal Communications Commission member Michael Copps to conduct a series of hearings across the country could play into their plans.

Copps said the meetings will give citizens a forum to express opinions on whether broadcasters are serving the public interest, as required, and therefore deserve to have their licenses renewed.

Media groups believe the hearings could trigger challenges to some license renewals at the grass-roots level.

"You can be sure that the Copps hearings will spur local activists," said Josh Silver, managing director of Free Press, a public-interest group in Massachusetts. "Stay tuned. It is going to happen."

In a telephone interview, Copps said the hearings would enable the public to convey their frustrations, but added, "I'm not just interested in a pleasant conversation on localism. I'm looking to compile a record that could be used now in license renewal." A potential target is WDCG-FM G105, one of five Raleigh, N.C.-area stations owned by Clear Channel Communications of San Antonio, Texas. The station has come under attack from listeners and advertisers after Bob Dumas of the "Bob and Madison Show" said he hated seeing bicycle riders on the road and laughed at stories about motorists running cyclists down.

"If I could be of any use at any FCC hearings, I would certainly be happy to participate," said Blanche Dean of Durham, N.C., captain of a cycling team called the Msfits. "(G105's) license is up for renewal Dec. 1. We would like to see that not happen."

Clear Channel isn't under attack only in North Carolina.

Essential Information, a public-interest group founded by Ralph Nader, recently filed a challenge to Clear Channel's radio licenses in the District of Columbia and three states. The challenge accuses the chain of running deceptive promotions and airing obscene and indecent material.

Jim Donahue, project director for Essential Information, said there are no plans to include Clear Channel's stations in North Carolina and elsewhere in the challenge - because it's not necessary. "If the FCC did rule in our favor, they would have to revoke all of Clear Channel's licenses," he said.

Andy Levin, senior vice president of government affairs for Clear Channel, said that won't happen.

"I expect the FCC will look at the totality of the circumstances, how our stations are run in the public interest, and renew each one of our stations," he said.

The FCC reviews a station's performance, including whether it is serving the public interest, when licenses come up for renewal. But over the past two decades the agency's oversight has relaxed, and renewals are mostly rubber-stamped. They're known in the industry as "postcard renewals."

Critics complain that as the broadcast industry has consolidated, commitment to the public interest has fallen by the wayside.

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(Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service, <http://www.shns.com>)  
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. THANKS for including Doowop Cafe Radio on your MONITORING REMINDERS calendar listings. To assist you in listing our station, here's some info you might be able to use. <http://www.doowopcafe.net>

Show times -- 7 days a week -- various times during the day and every evening from 6 PM until at least midnite (Eastern Time USA) Current schedule is at <http://www.doowopcafe.net/schedule.html> Internet Only (DJ Big Jack, Doowop Cafe Radio, Oct 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The one Doowop listing we had was Sunday 2000 UT, as a result of Cybershortwave Live and/or Big Steve Cole's promotion or involvement, as I recall, a few years ago. Currently on the Doowop sked Sun at 1900-2100 UT is Dr. Doowop's South Florida Harmony Show. Tried at 1700 UT Thu, 'on the air now' but no rm connexion (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VANUATU. 7260, R Vanuatu, Emten Lagoon, 0930-1058, Sep 24, English time announcement 0930: ``It's half past 8'', ID 0945: ``You are listening to Radio Vanuatu.'' Then followed the Bislama ``Tok Tok Long program. . . .'', 35443. Covered by R Thailand at \*1058 with English ID // 6069.1 and 7115 (Roland Schulze, Philippines, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

\*\* VENEZUELA. YVTO: He estado monitoreando los 5000 kHz y he podido notar que nuevamente la señal del Observatorio Naval, Juan Manuel Cajigal est. fuera del aire. Ojal. que el motivo sea esta vez, la repotenciaciÛn de sus equipos, tal cual lo leÌmos en esta lista hace pocos dias (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, Venezuela, Oct 8, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

\*\* VENEZUELA. VISITA DEL COLEGA TAKAYUKI INOUE NOZAKI

Hoy miÈrcoles 8 de Octubre, me he llevado una buena sorpresa, ya que tuve la oportunidad de compartir unos breves minutos con el colega diexista japonÈs Takayuki Inoue Nozaki quien est. de visita en Venezuela. A Inoue tuve la oportunidad de conocerlo personalmente a la 1 de la tarde de hoy y los pocos minutos que pudimos compartir fueron realmente excelentes y agradables.

AprovechÈ para hacerle una entrevista para mi programa de radio: SintonÌa DX, la cual estar. en el aire el prÛximo sabado y tambiÈn nos tomamos unas fotografÌas que guardarÈ con mucho cariÒo en mi computadora.

Me comentaba Inoue que estuvo visitando las emisoras de la zona, entre ellas Radio Puerto La Cruz 760 y UniÛn Radio PorteÒas 640 (Ondas PorteÒas) donde lo trataron muy bien.

Por cierto, me dijo Inoue, que Ecos del Torbes no ha eliminado sus transmisores de Onda Corta, ya que cuando estuvo por el estado Tchira, pudo escucharla; lo que sucede es que la emisora enciende el transmisor como a las 10 de la maÒana y lo apaga como a las 3 de la tarde, de allÌ que no pueda ser escuchada en ninguna parte, sino localmente, y por eso mismo es que los diexistas no la han reportado m.s.

Luego de nuestra breve conversaciÛn, el colega diexista saliÛ para la ciudad de Cuman. en el estado Sucre, donde estar. visitando a Radio Sucre, emisora que nunca le respondiÛ sus informes de recepcîn (espero que ahora personalmente, si lo hagan), luego de su visita a Cuman., partir. hacia el estado BolÌvar, donde estar. visitando a Radio BolÌvar, para luego dirigirse a Puerto Ayacucho y pasar por los estudios de Radio Amazonas.

Seguidamente emprender· camino para Boa Vista [Brasil], para visitar las emisoras de esa zona y estar de nuevo en JapÚn para el dia 27 de este mes. Sin lugar a dudas fuÈ una grata sorpresa para mÌ, la visita de este querido colega diexista, quien recorre el mundo gracias al amor que le tiene a la radio y a la pasiÛn que siente por el diexismo, el hobbie ciencia que nos une a todos nosotros.

°Que viva nuestro hobbie ciencia EL DIEXISMO! y que la amistad que nos une a todos nosotros siga creciendo cada dia, mucho m·s. Atte: (JosÈ ElÌas DÌaz GÛmez, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD

SW DX news contained above includes: Ecos del Torbes, 4980, is active but they run it only in the daytime around 1400-1900 UT (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VIETNAM [and non]. Voice of Vietnam. For B03, the VOV External Service is listed for these overseas relays:

5955 Moosbrunn, Austria 1800-2000 to Eu  
5970 Skelton, UK 2000-2130 to Eu  
6175 Sackville, Canada 0100-0500 to the Americas

The Domestic Service in the Hmong lang is an important feature over the VOV, using 15 kW and 50 kW transmitters at Xuan Mai, which often provide good reception worldwide. The new B03 schedule is:

5035 2200-2300, 2330-0000, 1130-1300  
6165 2200-2300, 1130-1300  
9650 0430-0600  
9850 0430-0600 (EDXP Oct 1 via BC-DX via DXLD)

\*\* WESTERN SAHARA [and non]. 700 MW, Polisario Front, Tindouf, Algeria, 2229-2300\*, Oct 3 and 4, alternative frequency to 1550, or evening channel only? 54444 with its Moroccan jammer station active though (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DSWCI DX Window Oct 7 via DXLD)

702 | MOROCCO | RTM, Sebaa-Aioun, AUG 20 0015 - Arabic talk; to fair peak. 20 SEP 10 2350 - possibly this with romantic Spanish/Italian-influenced vocal & guitar, muffled audio. [\*rw] [Really a jammer?]

711.05 | WESTERN SAHARA | RTM, Laayoune, AUG 20 0015 excited Arabic talk by man & woman; good, annihilating WOR. [\*rw]

Report from Mark Connelly - Times / dates = UT / 2003 [\*rw] = Rowley, MA (GC=3D 70.829 W / 42.745 N)=20 (Stackyard Road / Parker River - Nelson Island wildlife refuge: salt-marsh) Photos at [http://members.aol.com/BevAntenna/rowley\\_ma.htm](http://members.aol.com/BevAntenna/rowley_ma.htm) Drake R8A receiver,

Superphaser-2 phasing unit Antenna systems: home: dual-feedline Flag antenna (4.9 m X 10.4 m), sloper Rowley: active whip, 60 m & 152 m wires on ground, Vactrol termination controller system (Mark Connelly, NRC-AM via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 3910 (Cf. DX-Window no. 229). It is one of the transmitters operated from Ireland (?) by Reflections Europe. Other frequencies are 6290 and 12255 [not 12555 as I heard given on some DX program --- gh]. They use to mention the address at the end of each programme, and many programmes are indeed from the USA (Mike Barracough via Green and GonÁlves). Thank you! (Anker Petersen, DSWCI DX Window Oct 8 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. The Arabic station on 7260 kHz at 1700 is RTT, Tunisia. This rather weak signal seems to be a mixing product of a very strong (here in UK) fundamental on 7225 kHz and a less strong one on 7190 kHz. 9720 kHz is also in parallel. Regards, (Dave Kernick, Oct 9, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

7225-7190=35; 7225+35=7260 (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, *ibid.*)

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#### POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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BROADBAND POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS --- A BACKGROUND BRIEF [ACA, Australia] [pertinent excerpts by gh from a 23 page pdf document:]

#### Radiocommunications Issues

The main radiocommunications issue raised by the widespread use of broadband powerline communications systems is the risk of interference to radiocommunications services caused by their generation of electromagnetic emissions from the powerlines over which they operate.

Open wire aerial powerlines in particular radiate high frequency signals being passed along their length. There are many case histories within the records of the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) and its predecessors of signals radiated from powerlines causing interference to radiocommunications services. The high frequency signals in these case histories have been typically generated by faults in the wired network such as arcing switch gear, coronal discharge and discharges across dirty insulators.

Similar experiences across the world experience have led many to believe that the deliberate placement of high frequency signals on

powerlines by broadband powerline communications systems will lead to large scale interference problems for radiocommunications services particularly in the high frequency (HF) spectrum (3 to 30 MHz). Current radiocommunications uses of this spectrum include amateur radio, aeronautical and maritime communications and navigation services, broadcasting, and fixed and land mobile operations. HF communications is particularly important in Australia for long distance communications, and some of these services have defence or safety-of-life implications.

Radiocommunications services using frequencies above 30 MHz may also be at risk from some broadband powerline communications systems, though this does not seem to be as significant an issue, judging by current overseas concerns and developments. . .

#### Risk Management

There would appear to be a potential risk to HF radiocommunications services from the widespread use of broadband powerline communications systems; the risks appear to be associated with in-house applications as well as last-mile applications. This can be seen in the early filings to the FCC enquiry into powerline communications and the findings in ECC Report 24. There have now been broadband powerline communication trials held in the USA, Europe and Asia. The results of these trials have not alleviated concerns over the potential interference risk to radiocommunications.

Currently there are broadband powerline communications terminal devices being marketed in Australia. These devices are unlikely to comply with the conducted limits of CISPR 22, as signals are being intentionally injected into the electrical mains wiring. The interference impact on radiocommunications reception and the susceptibility of mains connected equipment to increased conducted emissions from broadband powerline communications equipment is unknown.

This uncertainty is due to two factors:

- ï the unknown emission efficiency of the connecting AC supply network which depends upon physical layout; and
- ï the differences between the conducted signal characteristics (level, bandwidth, duration, etc) of these devices in comparison to emissions currently limited by CISPR 22.

The Australian mains power distribution network is not identical to that in Europe or the USA<sup>11</sup>; this may lead to differences in the level of radiated emissions from broadband powerline communications systems.

The applicability of CISPR 22 as a standard for devices used in

broadband powerline communications systems is currently being debated. The proposal is to amend the scope of CISPR 22 to include PLCs and to prescribe conducted limits for these devices that are considerably higher than the current restrictions. This work may take some 2-3 years to complete.

While as a general principle, the ACA seeks where possible to align its management arrangements in Australia with those in place in other regions this is not always possible or appropriate. Europe and the USA have greater degrees of urbanisation than Australia and the weighting placed on the protection of HF services in those countries may well be less than that required in Australia. . .

[http://www.aca.gov.au/radcomm/frequency\\_planning/spps/0311spp.pdf](http://www.aca.gov.au/radcomm/frequency_planning/spps/0311spp.pdf)  
(via Bill Smith, W5USM, DXLD)

#### WORLD'S BROADCASTERS JOIN ANTI-BPL CHORUS

NEWINGTON, CT, Oct 9, 2003 --- A subcommittee of an International Telecommunication Union (ITU) panel of technical experts responsible for terrestrial broadcasting issues has joined a growing chorus of concern about the interference potential of power line telecommunication (PLT) --- better known in the US as Broadband over Power Line (BPL). ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Sub Working Group (SWG) 6E1 expressed the view that interference produced by systems employing PLT as well as by Industrial, Scientific and Medical (ISM) equipment and short-range devices, would compromise broadcast reception. . .

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2003/10/09/1/?nc=1>  
(ARRL Oct 9 via Bill Smith, W5USM, DXLD)

#### THE EFFECTS OF POWER-LINE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON BROADCAST RECEPTION: brief trial in Crieff --- Jonathan Stott and John Salter BBC R&D White Paper WHP067 --- Abstract:

A brief site visit to Crieff is reported; it took place, at the invitation of Scottish and Southern Electricity, to examine some Power Line Telecommunications (PLT) installations (used to connect domestic and commercial premises to the internet). Two competing systems are described, examples of which were seen, and the scope for interference to HF broadcasting assessed. The circumstances of the trial limited the scale of scientific experimentation, nevertheless some clear conclusions are drawn. Both systems caused interference to HF reception, although one system appeared to have made some attempts to limit this. Some suggestions are made how co-existence between PLT and home radio reception might be investigated; such investigation would be essential before any wide-scale implementation of PLT. Audio recordings demonstrating the interference are available.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/rd/pubs/whp/whp067.html>  
(via Bill Smith, W5USM, DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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DIGITAL RADIO OVER CELLULAR TELEPHONY

One reason I think IBOC is a DOA technology is the coming convergence of cellular telephone service and internet access, meaning streaming media will be available almost anytime and any place. The Japanese are already working on this:

[http://www.lightreading.com/document.asp?site=lightreading&doc\\_id=41453](http://www.lightreading.com/document.asp?site=lightreading&doc_id=41453)  
(Harry L. Helms W7HLH, Las Vegas, NV DM26, Oct 8, NRC-AM via DXLD)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES  
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EUROPEAN DX COUNCIL

After three years of Italian turmoil, the European DX Council, EDXC, may be ready for a change. In November elections for a new EDXC Secretary General starts with a "first round of candidatures", according to news from the EDXC. The actual election will take place in December.

The organisation that claims to represent the interests of DXers and shortwave listeners in Europe has lost both its bearings and contact with the DX activities around Europe. This has lead to widespread criticism, satirical websites and even expulsions from the ranks of freetime coworkers.

The auditors, often considered guardians of members interests, sided with the EDXC leaders, claiming that they "have more important jobs to do than spending their time on quarrelling with individuals." Added an indignant EDXC auditor Anker Petersen:

"The elected Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General should be supported by all Clubs and DX-ers to do their job representing all 13 DX Clubs in Europe."

Thus ended what could have been a discussion on how to revive the EDXC, how to make it what it claims to be, "o represent the interests of DXers and shortwave listeners in Europe", and not what many sees it: a club for a few selected, wishing to have cozy meeting with representatives for international broadcasters.

The upcoming elections will be an excellent opportunity for the European DX scene not only to change managers, but also to change the EDXC into a united organization that can promote shortwave listening for what it is: a proven, unique and efficient way of getting a message across, be it borders or oceans. If someone still bothers, that is.

More on EDXC background at

<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/news/edxcturmoil.html>

EDXC official website: <http://www.edxc.org/>

(Hermod Pedersen, hcdx news desk, 9 [sic] October 2003 via DXLD)

GENERAL MANAGER ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL SHORTWAVE FREQUENCY COORDINATION CONFERENCE-NORWAY

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WWCR General Manager, George McClintock, recently attended the semi-annual frequency conference in Troms<sup>o</sup>, Norway (located 400 kilometers north of the Arctic Circle). Representatives from three-quarters of the shortwave broadcasting transmitters from around the world were present for the one week coordinating conference.

In order to prevent interference from existing in target areas of the broadcasters, each country compares and adjusts its schedule accordingly to solve frequency use problems. WWCR was represented by the Federal Communications Commission and George McClintock, operating in unison and also independently to protect our frequencies from interference. The FCC was very instrumental in helping to negotiate with other countries to protect shortwave broadcasting for the United States licensees.

George makes several trips abroad each year to validate the listenership for the many programs airing on WWCR. A radio programmer or individual interested in the purchasing of shortwave airtime may contact George by phone for a report on the signal strengths of any US shortwave station that he monitored. Next year, George will travel to the Middle East from which he will be able to check out the WWCR coverage and attend the next coordination meeting.

Plus a dozen color photos:

[http://www.wwcr.com/press\\_releases/wwcr\\_pr\\_2003-09-08\\_norway.html](http://www.wwcr.com/press_releases/wwcr_pr_2003-09-08_norway.html)

(via DXLD)

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PWBR NEEDED

Dear Mr. Hauser, My name is Antônio Schuler, and I'm a Brazilian DXer, and I live here in Recife/Brasil. I have a little problem: I'm a poor DXer that no have a good financial condition, because I'm unemployed, and I desire to possess a book called: PWBR (Passport World Band Radio). I want to have this book, but I don't have money for have the book. I'm feel sad because I don't have conditions to buy this important publication, and I come by this e-mail, to ask for you, a edition of the PWBR (Passport World Band Radio). Is very important this aid to me. Thank you very much. Sincerely yours, (Antônio Carlos de Macido Schuler, Rua Des. Martins Pereira, 286 - aptf 502 (Rosarinho), 52050-220 Recife - Pernambuco - Brazil, acmschuler @ yahoo.com.br DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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SUNRISE/SUNSET DXING ON MEDIUMWAVE

I'm interested in finding a good reference on sunset DXing. Why does it get better at the end of this month for instance? (Les Rayburn, NRC-AM via DXLD)

I know I'm still kind of new at this, but let me take a stab at this one...

Basically it has to do with the sunrise & sunset times, and how they relate to the time at which various stations either switch power/ pattern or go on/off. To simplify matters for station management, rather than have them track sunrise times every day, an approximate average sunrise / sunset time for the month is used.

Here's an example:

Let's take WRLL 1690 IL. Here's a link to the sunrise/sunset times for them on the FCC site:

[http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/srsstime?  
dlat=37&mlat=46&slat=28.00&dlon=89&mlon=5&slon=50.00&tzone=B](http://www.fcc.gov/fcc-bin/srsstime?dlat=37&mlat=46&slat=28.00&dlon=89&mlon=5&slon=50.00&tzone=B)

And here's a link to a site that will give you true sunrise/sunset times by city: [http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS\\_OneDay.html](http://aa.usno.navy.mil/data/docs/RS_OneDay.html)

As you can see, sunrise for October is 7:00 AM, and sunset is 6:15. However, these are the approximate average times, not the real ones. These times will be close around the middle of the month, but will be off at the beginning and end of the month. For example, true sunset for October 1 would be around 6:30, but at the end of the month, will

be more like 5:45 (let's ignore daylight savings time and stick with CDT times).

So the result is that at the beginning of the month, WRLL will cut power from 10 to 1 kW at 6:15. True sunset for October 1 is not until 6:30, so the likelihood of good skip while they're on high power are lousy. Contrast that with the end of the month, when true sunset is at 5:45. You've got 1 hour while they are on 10 kW, but the sun is already down. In this case, the best conditions for hearing them are probably to the east, where there is a path of darkness.

If you're in the east, then at the end of the fall months, conditions are best for you to hear sunset skip from stations to the west, as darkness extends west, and the skip rolls in before the stations cut power.

Looking at the morning, it's a similar scenario. Looking back at WRLL again, their power-up time is 7:00 AM. At the beginning of the month, true sunrise is at 6:47, so they are powering up after sunrise, therefore lousy conditions. At the end of the month, sunrise isn't until 7:22, so you have a good 20 min. of darkness when they're going to be on 10 kW. In this case though, the best conditions will be to the west. As the stations to your east power up, you should have a better chance of hearing them before the skip disappears.

In the spring, everything is reversed. Hope this makes sense...

Why October in particular is a good month: This is because it is one of the months which has a large change in sunrise/sunset times. Comparing this to June for example, looking at Chicago, the sunrise time goes from 5:15 on 6/1 to 5:19 on 6/30. Big deal. Same for sunset. 8:19 to 8:30.

So the months that have a large change in the sunrise/sunset times are the ones that give you the longest period of time when the skip is in, and the power is high. Those would be the fall & spring months.

(Brian Leyton, Valley Village, CA, DX-398 / RS-Loop / 18" Box Loop, NRC-AM via DXLD)

It also has something to do with the changing of the seasons, in terms of the increasing/decreasing darkness and resulting changes in the ionosphere. Of course we all know about the so-called "end of the DX season" where the long daylight hours make DXing more difficult during summer due to the ionosphere's extended exposure to the sun's energy. Mid-winter anomaly is somewhat less understood, believed to be due to the short days and minimal exposure of the ionosphere to the sun's energy, sometimes resulting in daytime skip but otherwise bringing

about more consistent DX conditions. The changing seasons of spring and fall result in the largest swings in ionospheric conditions and thus the most volatile DX conditions during sunrise/sunset (Bruce Conti - Nashua NH, *ibid.*)

Another factor in October is the time change. (In April conditions aren't as good, so the change is of less benefit). You have more possible options within a given month because the time changes aren't entirely consistent with the actual sunrise and sunset changes. (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA ( 15 mi NNW Philadelphia ), *ibid.*)

This month, all other things being equal, the one dominant variable is the s/off time. To understand this, consider how the clock times of local sunset vary over periods of days.

First consider that the rate of change of local sunset time varies throughout the year, in fact the curve describing the rate of change of sunset (not the absolute time of any given sunset) is pretty well described by a sine wave. The rate of change is greatest in fall and spring (greatest slope) and is nearly zero in June and December. Therefore sunset skip conditions in those months are nearly invariant throughout the entire month as sunset is offset from s/off time by a nonchanging offset which depends mainly on where you are (east or west) in the timezone belt.

If you live in Long Island, in most all of December the sun sets at 1624 local time every day. You don't even notice the change for a month. (That was LSS where I then lived. In Boston it's nearer 1615 as I recall)

In fall, the time of sunset changes by from 1 to 2 minutes per day. So, secondly, since the FCC mandates that local clock time signoff is constant over the entire month, the actual time that a station signs off, or changes power, is the average for the month, it follows that, in the fall, the station must s/off early, relative to actual LSS at the beginning of the month, and somewhat late relative to actual sunset at the end of the month.

I always found that the last few days of October gave the greatest variation in time offset and the best conditions, otherwise. So, get ready. Stations remaining on day power into near-darkness. It's a special time of year. On the first of November sunset may occur a minute earlier but the stations s/off 15 or 30 minutes earlier. Plan to watch TV that night if you can't find anyone who forgot to adjust the time (Bob Foxworth, FL, *ibid.*)

Additional confusion always arises with the end of DST on the last Sunday of October, causing some forgetful stations to be an hour off

in their switchover! And then there are the numerous stations which cheat, anyway, with day facilities at night, e.g. OKLAHOMA (gh, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ####